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THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (a) No specific amount was allotted to the Co-operative department for the uplift of Harijans through cottage industries during 1950–51. Government, however, sanctioned during 1950–51 assistance to the following two cottage industrial societies whose members are Harijans :—

(1) *The Vellarivalli Carpet Weavers' Co-operative Society, Salem district*—

(i) A subsidy of Rs. 1,000.
(ii) A loan of Rs. 1,000 repayable in five years. } To meet the cost of looms.
(iii) One Junior Inspector of Co-operative Societies at Government cost.

(2) *The Pannur Leather Workers' Co-operative Society, Chittoor district*—

Ex gratia grant of Rs. 2,000. . Towards the share capital of the worker-members.

" (b) & (c) Do not arise."

SRI A. RATHINAM :—" Sir, may I know what steps the Government have taken for the benefit of the Scheduled Castes through the cottage industries? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" Whenever members of the Scheduled Castes form themselves into a co-operative society or a society for development of cottage industries, the Government will consider giving of grant or subsidies to it."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" May I know how many members there are in these two co-operative societies? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" Notice, please."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBAYYA :—" Will the Hon. Minister take steps to organize separate co-operative societies for cottage industries for the Harijans? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" The department is taking a great interest but the co-operation from the members concerned is not as much as expected."

SRI A. RATHINAM :—" May I know what amount has been spent by the Government during the year 1950–51 for this purpose? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" I have already given the figures, Sir."

Report on famine conditions in South Arcot.

* 22 Q.—SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether any report was received from the Collector of South Arcot regarding the famine conditions prevailing in Gingee, Tindivanam and Villupuram taluk and if so, the action thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes. A report was received from the Collector of South Arcot even as early as in February 1952, and on his recommendation the Government have sanctioned full remission for wet lands with an outturn of 4 annas and below for fasli 1361 in 212 villages in Gingee, 264 villages in Tindivanam and 184 villages ni Villupuram taluk. The Government have also ordered that the collection of cesses due in fasli 1361 be postponed to fasli 1362 in areas where remission of land revenue has been sanctioned."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDAR :—" Was any recommendation made by the Collector of the district for sinking wells in the taluks concerned as one of the relief measures? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Though it is not covered by the original question, I may inform the hon. Member that no such report was received."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" In addition to the remission of kist in these areas, have the Government taken any practical steps to solve the problem of unemployment in these areas? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question."

Credit facilities to primary weavers' co-operative societies.

* 23 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state what steps the Government have taken so far to provide additional credit facilities to primary weavers' co-operative societies during dull seasons? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" The weavers' co-operative societies have provision in their by-laws for borrowing from co-operative urban banks and others. According to this provision, they may apply to co-operative central banks for cash, credit, accommodation to meet their needs. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies has also issued a circular to central banks requesting them to finance the weavers' societies on the pledge of their stocks consistent with business prudence."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The question was what steps the Government had taken so far to provide additional credit facilities to primary weavers' co-operative societies. The question does not refer to facilities that already exist under the Act. May I know whether the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer this question straight? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" Sir, the hon. Gentleman knows that recently a High Power Committee was set up by the Government in which the representatives of the weavers were there, and the Committee recommended a particular scheme to the Government and the Government have approved it. According to the scheme, the weavers are eligible for certain credit facilities."